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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN COMPONENT, BEARING RING, THRUST NEEDLE ROLLER BEARING, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ROLLING BEARING RING, ROLLING BEARING RING, AND ROLLING BEARING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The references were cited in a corresponding German Office Action and their relevance discussed therein. A copy of the German Office Action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note that the references **JP**

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2003-055713, JP 2003-231915 and JP 09-296214 were previously disclosed in an Information Disclosure Statement on April 6, 2006.

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